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To : Editor, News & Publishing Department, BBC
From : Deputy Chief, London Bureau, FBIS
Subject : FBIS/BBC Sourcelines

A meeting on this subject was held on 24 April 1975, attended by all who were present at the earlier meetings.

At this latest meeting, it was agreed: (1) that the word "service" is considered superfluous and should be eliminated from all sourcelines; (2) that the word "domestic" is considered unnecessary for television transmissions and should not be included in TV sourcelines; (3) that "domestic" should only be included in sourcelines of official radios and press agencies; and (4) that a list of the joint recommendations agreed upon at this and earlier meetings be drawn up and FBIS London Bureau will present them to its headquarters for approval. These joint recommendations are, in addition to the three above:

(a) that "domestic" and not "home" will be used for broadcasts intended for a domestic audience; (b) that "external" should be substituted for all phrases now used to indicate transmissions not intended for the domestic audience or specifically targeted; (c) that the name of the country will be included in sourcelines to which it could be usefully added, and a list of such sourcelines will be prepared by BBC; (d) that "domestic and external" will be used in the sourcelines for any transmission that can accurately be determined as intended for both the domestic and external audiences; (e) that in sourcelines "to" and not "for" shall be used in description of destination; and (f) that sourcelines for press agencies should include the destination when this can be accurately determined.

It was also agreed that BBC will continue its restudy on the usage of "provincial" and "regional" in sourcelines before recommending possible changes in current practice.

Further discussion of "clandestine" was deferred until a later date. No date was set for the next meeting.



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